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(San Bernardino, CA) With the help of the County and City of San Bernardino, the Assistance League of San Bernardino will soon have a remodeled facility downtown.

The Assistance League provides clothing and dental care services to low-income children throughout the valley

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved \$225,000 to help fund renovations of the Assistance League's facility at 580 West Sixth Street in San Bernardino. The City Council is scheduled Monday to approve another \$225,000 for the project.

Last winter's rains compounded the poor condition of this 100-year-old building. Water damage has caused floors to buckle, windows to crack and one side of its foundation to sink.

The building will undergo a total transformation, from new windows, and stucco to new paint, flooring and bathroom remodels.

"We are overwhelmed by the assistance from the Board of Supervisors and the County Community Development and Housing staff," said Bobbi Simenton, president of the Assistance League. "We especially appreciate Supervisor Gonzales' assistance in helping us restore this beautiful old building so that we can continue to provide services for the children."

The Assistance League provides:

- dental services through the Dr. Earl R. Crane Children's Dental Health Center, which has been operating since 1949
- clothing through Operation School Bell, established in 1983

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The Dental Health Center offers general dentistry, orthodontia, oral hygiene instruction and dental screenings in elementary schools. It serves approximately 1,500 patients each year and screens more than 3,000 students in local schools. Every August, Operation School Bell provides more than 300 disadvantaged school-bound children with new clothing, shoes and personal hygiene products.

“These renovations are long overdue and this organization is so deserving,” said 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Josie Gonzales. “The County’s partnership with the City of San Bernardino to fund this project benefits those who we serve. This is government at its best. I cannot wait to see the outcome.”

If approved by the city on Monday, the remodel will be set for completion by late spring or early summer. The Assistance League will continue to provide current and expanded services for at least 10 more years.

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